

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR A CORRIDOR STUDY/ RAILROAD CROSSING ANALYSIS IN WEST CHARLOTTE

TIP Project No. P-3309K

Mecklenburg County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold an informal, open house style meeting know as a Citizens Informational Workshop on Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at STV/Ralph Whitehead Associates, 1000 West Morehead Street, Suite 200, Charlotte, NC 28208.

NCDOT representatives will be present to answer questions and receive comments in order to develop recommendations for improving the railroad-roadway at-grade crossings along this corridor. The study area includes the following railroad crossings: Donald Ross Road, Berryhill Road and West Summit Road. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time. There will not be a formal presentation.

The purpose of the upcoming workshop is to introduce the Corridor Study proposed for this area of Charlotte and obtain public input relative to the railroad crossings. Citizens are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions related to potential safety improvements as well as possible locations for grade separations (bridge over or underneath the railroad).

It is possible that the study recommendations may include the closure of some existing railroad-roadway at-grade crossings. The goal of NCDOT is to ensure the safety of passengers and train crews, motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and the surrounding communities.

For more information, contact Nancy Horne, NCDOT Rail Division - Engineering & Safety Branch, 1556 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, 27699-1556, or by phone: 919.715.3686, or by e-mail: nhorne@ncdot.gov. Citizens may also contact consultant Scot Sibert of STV/RWA at (704) 372-1885, or via email at scot.sibert@stvinc.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Kimberly Hinton at 919.707.6072 or khinton@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.